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policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 28 May 94 13:53:00 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: First Rig.
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

Reply to Vinod Narayanan (vinod@watson.ibm.com)

There is only one rig I would buy as a first A Kenwood TS520. If you
get it at or below \$300 in fair condition you will have absolutely no
trouble selling it for the same price. I have done this on two
occasions. They are great rigs and will get you in the air.

Good luck.

Date: 28 May 94 08:56:51 -0500
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!math.ohio-state.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!noc.near.net!
news.tufts.edu!news.hnrc.tufts.edu!jerry@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Frequency Counter Recommendation?
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

Would anyone care to make a lower-cost frequency counter recommendation?
The more affordable models seem to be

Radio Shack 22-305 \$100
OptoElectronics 3300 \$130
Startek 1350 \$130 list

I notice the OE has a hold button while the RS doesn't. Not sure about the
Startek. My intuition tells me this could be worth the extra \$'s. Any
comments?

Thanks.

Date: Sat, 28 May 1994 03:19:01 EDT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!sdd.hp.com!math.ohio-state.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!
news-feed-1.peachnet.edu!ukma!news.cuny.edu!eltqc@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: FT-11 & FT-530 mod. needed
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

Could anyone mail me the info on mod for both radios. Just got FT530, friend
got FT-11.

Thanx in advance.
Tom

Date: 28 May 94 20:11:23 GMT
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!newsserver.jvnc.net!
a3bee2.radnet.com!cartier@ucbvax.berkeley.edu
Subject: Motorola RIB interface ?
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

I am looking for info on the RIB interface ...if you have any
please send along...73 Rob kd1jg

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Date: Fri, 27 May 1994 16:28:56 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!csulb.edu!csus.edu!netcom.com!
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Subject: Need phone number for R.L. Drake
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

Pete Rossi (rossi@VFL.Paramax.COM) wrote:
: I need the phone number for Drake. I have seen it posted in the past.
: Anybody have it?

> The last time I wrote it down their number was (513) 746-6990 (service).

That's what was sent to me when I put out some queries regarding my
L-4B amp.

73, Sandy WA6BXH/7J1ABV slay@netcom.com

Date: Fri, 27 May 94 22:18:44 -0500
From: news2.near.net!noc.near.net!news.delphi.com!usenet@yale.arpa
Subject: WANTED: Manual for Knight TR-106
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

I need manual and schematic for these Knight items: TR-106 6 meter
transceiver and V-107 external VFO.

I will pay reasonable copy and ship costs.

DARRYLB@DELPHI.COM

Date: 28 May 94 12:56:30 GMT
From: agate!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!concert!hearst.acc.Virginia.EDU!
gems.vcu.edu!gbcarey@ucbvax.berkeley.edu
Subject: xchanging autopatch +/- 2m HT for scanner(s)
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

De: Greg KN4EL

I bought last Summer, an SDP600 simplex/duplex autopatch from J.com. I used the unit for 3 weeks while on vacation and have no use for it. I would like to exchange it along with an Icom 2at (NOT 02at) thumbwheel/ttp handhelt 2m radio for a handheld scanner preferrably bearcat 2500xlth or \$300 cash for both. Would exchange patch alone for bearcat 200xlth. (Prefer both with cell phone mods)

Please reply here if interested or to my email add.

Tnx and 73
Greg/KN4EL
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Date: 28 May 94 20:54:37 GMT
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!overload.lbl.gov!agate!kabuki.EECS.Berkeley.EDU!
kennish@ucbvax.berkeley.edu
Subject: Yay-hoo FT-530 : Piece of junk
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

In article <DeKvj4xQ5aGN055yn@tyrell.net>,
Randy Rathbun <randyr@tyrell.net> wrote:
>Last Saturday at a local hamfest, I plunked down \$516 bucks on a FT-530. I
>was impressed with this radio... until this afternoon.
(story of blinking display and failure deleted)

1) Wow, \$516? Did the price just jump? Is this the
result of the lousy exchange rate?

2) Do you remember your serial number? Specifically, the two
numerical digits immediately following the alphabetic letter.
This identifies the lot number.

I am curious as to whether Yaesu changed the CPU programming
to comply with the STUPID ECPA rules and "broke" the microcode.

A flashing display used to indicate that the PLL is unlocked.

Just curious.

-Ken

Date: Fri, 27 May 1994 02:17:01 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!news.cerf.net!pagesat.net!tyrell.net!randyr@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Yay-hoo FT-530 : Piece of junk
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

Last Saturday at a local hamfest, I plunked down \$516 bucks on a FT-530. I was impressed with this radio... until this afternoon.

After a 10 minute conversation on 440 with no problems at all, I needed the rig to call a friend of mine. When I turned it on, the UHF display was blinking. I have tried everything to get it to stop. Now, both VHF and UHF are blinking. Since last Saturday, this radio has been used less than 10 hours total.

I have pulled both batteries out, tried to do both cold and warm starts - nothing at all will bring this thing back!

When I returned the rig to the store, all the folks there tried to get it back. When the head honcho called Yaesu, I was not impressed - and I don't think he was either apparently Yaesu knows this problem exists. I overheard the conversation - the owner of the store said, and I quote, "Yes - we have a bunch of them in the back.... You mean the others are probably bad also? Oh, wonderful!"

The store let me exchange it for a IC-W21AT, after I told them I was really afraid to get another FT-530.

Anyone thinking about one of these rigs should definatly consider something else.

I realize that there are other folks who have these rigs and have no trouble. But I have had trouble, and after hearing this phone conversation, others will also.

Randy

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Randy Rathbun | randyr@tyrell.net      | I never had a pet. I figure I have  
NV0U@N00EV.#NWMO.MO.USA.NA          | enough stupid friends as it is.  
Send email for PGP public key         | - Quentin Crisp  
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